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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER MERCADO'S VISIT TO U.S. FOR MEDICAL
REASONS

1. PRIME MINISTER MERCADO CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE TODAY, NOVEMBER 8 TO INFORM ME OF HIS PLANS TO VISIT THE U.S. FOR CHECKUP ON POSSIBLE HEART CONDITION. HE WILL PROCEED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 TO NEW YORK CITY ON LUFTHANSA FLIGHT 495. ON NOVEMBER 19, HE WILL FLY TO CLEVELAND (AIRLINE AND FLIGHT YET TO BE DETERMINED) TO GO TO THE CLEVELAND CLINIC WHERE A DR. MASON SONES WILL CONDUCT THE EXAMINATION. FROM CLEVELAND ON NOVEMBER 24 HE WILL PROCEED TO BALTIMORE (PROBABLY ON UNITED FLIGHT 966) TO JOHN HOPKINS WHERE HE EXPECTS TO SPEND THE FULL DAY OF NOVEMBER 25 UNDER EXAMINATION BY DR. RICHARD ROSS. THE PRIME MINISTER HOPES TO RETURN TO PERU ON AN EVENING FLIGHT NOVEMBER 26.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT AS A COURTESY HE THOUGHT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HIS TRAVEL PLANS, ADDING THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CONFIRMATION WE MAY WISH TO MAKE REGARDING APPOINTMENTS WITH THE DOCTORS NAMED, IMPLYING THAT THEY HAD BEEN MADE FOR HIM (PROBABLY BY THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON) AND THAT HE WOULD FEEL BETTER IF ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION WERE MADE.

3. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ALL FACILITATIVE SERVICES
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POSSIBLE BE PROVIDED IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE FOR THE

PRIME MINISTER. I ASKED HIM WHETHER HE HAD ANY PLANS FOR A WASHINGTON STOPOVER. HE REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE BUT SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER A VISIT TO WASHINGTON IF THERE WERE A MINISTERIAL LEVEL INTEREST IN TALKING WITH HIM. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTS THAT JIM GREEN OF MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST ALSO BE INFORMED OF MERCADO'S ARRIVAL PLANS IN NEW YORK.
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